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THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Textile mills and other High Tension consumers.

Express Bus between Madurai and Cumbum

* 2085. *Q.*—**SRI K. VINAYAKAM (on behalf of SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN) :** கனம் மின்சார அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

மதுரை-கம்பம் எக்ஸ்பிரஸ் பஸ் விடும் உத்தேசம் என்ன வாயிற்று ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : There is no proposal to run an express service between Madurai and Cumbum.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : If it would not be possible for Government to run an express bus service between Madurai and Cumbum valley, may I know whether there was any application made by private transport agencies for such permit?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Express buses are run not only by Government. Even private operators do run express services. Here we will have to consider whether there is any need for express service. It is on that consideration that at present we find there is no need for such service.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : ஸார், அடுத்த வருஷத்திற்கு புதிதாக எத்தனை எக்ஸ்பிரஸ் பஸ்கள் விடுவதற்கு சர்க்கார் உத்தேசித்திருக்கிறார்கள் ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : What are the rudimentary things necessary for introducing an express service? What should be the distance between the two places? Did the T.V.S. apply for permission to ply express buses on that route?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : In this particular case?

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Yes.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The general principle to be borne in mind is that the express route should not be less than 75 miles. In this particular case, the operators in that sector have applied for permission to ply express buses on that route and this has been gone into by the Regional Transport Authority and the Regional Transport Authority has taken certain decision which has more or less appealed to State Transport Authority.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know whether any Inter-State express bus services are going to be started very soon?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Yes.